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HIKE IN PRICES OF NCERT BOOKS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new NCERT has increased the prices of books for higher classes for the academic session, 2002- 03;

(b) if so, the extent to which the price of NCERT books has been hiked;

(c) the reasons behind such abnormal hike in the prices;

(d) Whether this situation is causing problems to the students of Government schools who come mostly from the economically weaker sections and where NCERT books are largely followed; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The prices of new textbooks for Class IX as mentioned below have been increased.

Sl.No.	New Textbooks	Price	Old Textbook	Price
1	Science and Technology-A Textbook for Class IX	Rs.75.00	Science-A, Textbook for Class IX	Rs.44.00
2	Mathematics-A Textbook for Class IX	Rs.65.00	Mathematics-A Textbook for Class IX	Rs.53.00
3	Steps to English for Class IX	Rs.30.00	English Reader for Class IX	Rs.13.00

(c) Reasons for hike in prices of new textbooks include use of better/bigger paper, new of NCERT watermark of all textbooks to avoid/detect piracy, use of multi colour, increase of number of pages and enhanced rates of royalty in order to attract eminent authors.

(d) & (e) The NCERT has not increased the pricesof most of the reprint editions of textbooks for Classes X and XIIfor the session 2002-2003. However, the price of some of the reprint editions for these Classes has increased marginally owing to the hike of the paper and use of good quality paper.